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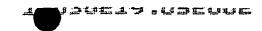
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IN THE CLAIMS

- 4. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any preceding claim 4] claim 1 wherein which region around 405 bases 3' of the transcription start of the Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor gene is examined to detect the presence of a genetic polymorphism from Guanine to Cytosine.
- 5. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any one of claims 1 to 3] claim 1 wherein which region around 460 bases 5' of the transcription start of the Vascular Endothelial Growth Factor gene is examined to detect the presence of a genetic polymorphism from Cytosine to Thymine.
- 6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any preceding claims] claim 1 wherein the presence of a genetic polymorphism is determined by amplification of at least a fragment of the DNA by polymerase chain reaction (PCR).
- 11. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim] <u>claim 1</u> further comprising the step of analysing the amplification product by restriction digestion and size analysis.
- 12. (Amended) A method according to [any preceding claim] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the disease or disorder is ischaemic heart disease.

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- 13. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 11] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the disease or disorder is Nephrotic Syndrome.
- 14. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 11] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the disease or disorder is an inflammatory joint disorder.
- 16. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 11] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the disease or disorder is cancer.
- 18. (Amended) A method according to [any one of claims 1 11] <u>claim 1</u> wherein the disease or disorder is diabetes, or complications thereof, or proteinuria.